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4 and 18 September 1949

1. a. A train, carrying 10 x 20 mm, 6 x 37 mm, 4 x 50 mm, and 8 x 76.2 mm caliber antiaircraft guns, and twelve limbers, was seen at the EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08) railroad station early on 4 September 1949. *

b. A train of one boxcar and flatcars loaded with five T34 tanks and eight JS tanks was standing at the EBERSWALDE railroad station early 18 September 1949. *

2. 18 September 1949

2. A train of 20 flatcars loaded with ten T34 and ten JS tanks, and 5 boxcars occupied by troops was standing at the EBERSWALDE railroad station the afternoon of 18 September 1949. The destination of the train, which was still without an engine, could not be ascertained.

23 September 1949

3. Eleven T34 tanks with long-barreled guns were observed to be unloaded at the EBERSWALDE freight station. Truck _____ was parked beside a tank whose engine broke down when moving out of the railroad station area.

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* Source Comment:

The destination of the two trains could not be ascertained.

Field Comment:

a. The trainload of 23 antiaircraft guns, observed on 4 September 1949, presumably belonged to the 2nd AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre), which is stationed in the EBERSWALDE-FUERSTENWALDE-FRANKFURT/Oder area.

b. The observed tank shipments probably belong to maneuver units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre).

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